



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY – June 12, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Pramod Sinha, DDS, Chair  
Padmaraj Angolkar, DDS, Vice Chair  
Karen Homitz, DDS  
Jessica Saepoff, DDS  
Andrew Vorono, DDS  
Robert Faine, DDS  
Marshall Titus, DDS  
Robert Achterberg, DDS  
Abdul Alkezweeny, PhD, Public Member  
Bernard Nelson, Public Member  
Russell Timms, DDS

**STAFF PRESENT**

Joy King, Executive Director  
Jennifer Bressi, Program Manager  
Taylor Stair, Disciplinary Manager  
Jennifer Osmun, Program Support  
Geoff Hymans, Assistant Attorney General  
Don Painter, Chief Investigator  
Trent Kelly, Staff Attorney  
Larry Berg, Staff Attorney  
Zeyno Shorter, PhD, MPH  
Jennell Prentice, Program Manager

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Fred Quarnstrom, DDS  
Mark Koday, DDS  
Terrance Hauck, MD, DDS

**OTHERS PRESENT**

David Hemion, Washington State Dental  
Association (WSDA)  
Michele Oniel, Everest College  
John Bitting, Dental Organization for  
Conscious Sedation  
Melissa Johnson, Willamette Dental,  
Washington State Dental Hygienists'  
Association (WSDHA)  
Bracken Killpack, WSDA  
Dexter Barnes, WSDA  
Lisa Merki, CDA  
Colleen Madden, Dental Quality Assurance  
Commission Pro-tem

**OPEN SESSION – 5:45 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Pramod Sinha, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.**

- 1.1. Audience members introduced themselves.
- 1.2. The agenda was approved with the addition of items 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, the deletion of items 6.1 and 6.2, and the addition of a new item 6.1.
- 1.3. May 1, 2008 business meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- 1.4. May 2, 2008 Panel A, B, & C minutes were approved as presented.

**2. PROGRAM REPORT**

- 2.1. Jennifer Bressi provided the April and May 2008 interim operating budget reports. The commission asked about the pending dental fee increases. Ms. Bressi explained the fee increase is based on a fee study of the dental profession to ensure the profession is self-supporting. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.
- 2.2. Taylor Stair provided the commission with an example for processing exception applications that have positive background hits. There may be an increase in exception application reviews with the receipt of dental assistant applications. Guidelines and a process that is currently being used for nursing assistant exception applications were approved by the commission. The commission will discuss and evaluate the guidelines and process at the next meeting.
- 2.3. The commission previously approved a process to handle “scope of practice” questions at the May 1, 2008 meeting. This process adds scope of practice inquiries to the commissions’ routinely scheduled Friday authorization calls which are closed session. By adding scope of practice discussions, the calls become open public meetings and we must meet all related requirements. Jennifer Bressi proposed an alternative process to handle scope of practice questions. The process will ask staff to research scope of practice inquiries and provide the information to commission members via email prior to the next commission meeting. The commission will discuss the item at the meeting and provide staff with a response for the requester. The commission may also request additional research in specific areas to present at the next commission meeting. The commission approved the alternate process.
- 2.4. Jennifer Bressi provided an update on the implementation plans for Substitute House Bill (SHB) 2881 and House Bill (HB) 3088. A definition is needed for volunteer dental assistant. Pending rules must be finalized before a CR101 can be filed to begin rule writing on the definition.
- 2.5. Joy King indicated that 2009 legislative decision packages are currently being drafted by the department. A proposal to create a retired status dental license and increase the number of commission members are being considered for further review at the agency level.

- 2.6. Jennifer Osmun informed the commission that the jurisprudence exam has been added to the License to Practice Dentistry with Examination and the License to Practice Dentistry without Examination application packets. Ms. Osmun will begin developing an automated version of the jurisprudence exam which will be available on-line.
  - 2.7. The commission discussed changing the December 18-20, 2008 meeting due to the holidays. The commission approved changing the meeting dates to December 4-6, 2008.
  - 2.8. Jennifer Bressi presented proposed 2009 DQAC meeting dates. The commission will check their calendars and decide on the 2009 meeting dates at their next meeting.
  - 2.9. Jennifer Bressi provided the draft schedule for the July 24 - 26, 2008 meeting. The business meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 25, 2008 with disciplinary panels at 1:00 p.m. A disciplinary hearing is scheduled for Friday and Saturday.
  - 2.10. The commission considered Delegation of Signature Authority for new credentialing staff. Delegation will allow staff to approve routine credentialing applications. Delegation was approved for the Customer Service Office Director, Call Center/Intake Manager, Operations Manager and the Credentialing Manager.
  - 2.11. Joy King presented the draft plan for a report to legislature regarding Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1298. The bill allows dental hygienists to provide specific services in senior centers and community based sealant programs in schools. Ms. King and Vicki Brown are working with the dental hygiene examining committee, associations, and stakeholders to gather data needed to draft the report.
  - 2.12. The department held a Profession and Facility Association meeting on the May 23, 2008. Health professions fee increases and renewal processes were discussed. David Hemion attended for the Washington State Dental Association.
- 3. Presentation: Department of Health, Community and Rural Health**  
Zeynep Shorter provided information on the Workforce Data Survey of Washington State dentists, conducted by the University of Washington which had a 35% response rate. Information was collected from three sources. A map was shared showing how many dentists are providing service in each county. Jennell Prentice presented information about the possibility of using the J-1 Visa waiver program to encourage dentists to practice in rural areas.
- 4. RULE MAKING – Status of Ongoing Rulemaking Projects**
- 4.1. Jennifer Bressi reported that she is currently working on the significant analysis for the CR102 rule package for the License Related Rules (100 series) & SHB 1689 the PGY-1 Dental Residency Pilot. A rules hearing is planned for the September 11, 2008 meeting.
  - 4.2. Comments were received regarding the dental anesthesia rule language. The commission discussed the comments and approved the following changes:

- WAC 246-817-720 Changed the term “non-credentialed persons” to “registered dental assistant (DA) and licensed expanded function dental auxiliary (EFDA).”
  - WAC 246-817-720 Sections (1) and (2) were removed.
  - WAC 246-817-224 (3)(b) Specified “the antagonist to be narcotic” and added “benzodiazepine antagonist” to the list.
  - WAC 246-817-760 (2) Changed the phrase “one or more of the” to “the above.”
  - WAC 246-817-760 (6)(b) Added “or pediatric advance life support (PALS)” as an option that can be used to meet the continuing education requirement.
  - WAC 246-817-770 (2) Removed PALS as an option to meet the requirement for administering deep sedation or general anesthesia. The phrase “One way to demonstrate such proficiency is to hold a valid and current ACLS, PALS, or equivalent” was removed.
  - WAC 246-817-770 (3)(d) Changed the term “trained anesthesia monitor” to “credentialed personnel.”
  - WAC 246-817-770 (5)(h)(vi) Specified “the antagonist to be narcotic” and added “benzodiazepine antagonist” to the list.
  - WAC 246-817-770 (6)(c) The item was rewritten for clarity.
  - WAC 246-817-778 The term “anesthesia related” was added in three areas of the rule for clarification and consistency.
  - WAC 246-817-778 (2) The item was rewritten for clarity.
- 4.3. Jennifer Bressi reported that the fee hearing for health profession fees was held on June 10, 2008. David Hemion with the Washington State Dental Association provided comment in opposition to the amount of the dental fee increase.
- 4.4. Dental Assistants (DA) and Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) rules status. Jennifer Bressi provided the following information:
- 4.4.1. The CR103 rule package for DA and EFDA credentialing and scope of practice is waiting for Mary Selecky’s review and signature. Once Ms. Selecky signs the document, the package will be sent to the code revisers office for official filing. The rules should be effective July 1, 2008.
  - 4.4.2. The CR103 rule package for DA and EFDA fees is waiting for Mary Selecky’s review and signature. Once Ms. Selecky signs the document, the package will be

sent to the code revisers office for official filing. The fee rule should be effective July 1, 2008.

- 4.4.3. Ms. Bressi mailed the Important Notice Regarding Dental Assistants to all Washington state licensed dentists and dental hygienists on May 16, 2008. The notice was also emailed to the dental commission and dental hygiene interested parties lists on May 8, 2008.
- 4.4.4. The EFDA Exam Writing Committee met on May 30, 2008. The committee reviewed and approved exam questions. The commission approved the committee's recommendation of a 75% passing score for the exam.
- 4.4.5. The Approval Criteria for EFDA Education Programs draft document was provided for commission review and approval. Mark Koday, DDS prepared the draft document but was unable to attend this meeting for presentation. The commission agreed the document needed more structure. Karen Homitz, DDS volunteered to work with Dr. Koday to update the document that will be presented at the next meeting.
- 4.4.6. A letter dated May 9, 2008 from the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) regarding the restorative examination and individual state requirements was provided to the commission.

## **5. REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES**

- 5.1. Marshall Titus, DDS, indicated the topic of discussion for the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) is the examination of crown preparations. Dr. Titus will be attending the July 2008 WREB Board of Directors meeting.
- 5.2. Dr. Timms reported that he has been participating in the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) examinations.

## **6. OTHER**

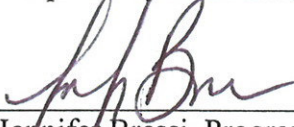
An article concerning the potential harm caused by mercury teeth fillings was provided to the commission. A court decision is requiring the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to classify amalgam within one year. The commission asked that this item be readdressed after the FDA decision is made.

## **7. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Closed Session 8:55 p.m. – 9:09 p.m.**

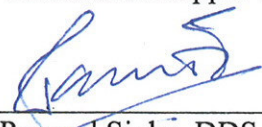
The commission went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

  
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Jennifer Bressi, Program Manager

Commission Approval By:

  
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Pramod Sinha, DDS, Chair